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FACTS ABOUT McCOMB HOMESTEADS PROJECT

Official Name: McComb Homesteads

Location: In Pike County, southwest Mississippi, approximately 6 miles from McComb.

Number of
Units: 20

History
of Project: McComb Homesteads were initiated by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of the Interior, December 15, 1933. By Executive Order the project was transferred to the Resettlement Administration on May 15, 1935 and it is now under the supervision of the Farm Security Administration.

Purpose of
Project: Low-income families of McComb have been resettled where they will have an opportunity to increase their real income by producing a large portion of their food requirements on subsistence homesteads. Employment of these families is in the railroad shops, textile mills, wood-working shops and other small industries that operate on a seasonal and part-time basis.

Project
Description: 264 acres of hill land comprise the project tract. The soil is sandy loam, underlaid with clay, and is suitable to the growth of all of the crops common in the area. Individual homesteads average 8 acres, on which each family will raise vegetables, fruit, poultry, and livestock. Each tract contains some wooded land and a truck garden, and all have combination garage and well house and a combination cow stall, chicken house, and store room. Land surrounding a 12-acre lake is to be developed into a park and recreation area. Project roads have been completed. Children of school age are transported to McComb by county school bus.

House
Description: Eighteen houses are frame clapboard construction and two are frame shingle. All have modern plumbing and are wired for electricity, although connection with a source of current has not been made yet. Individual wells and gasoline pumps provide water and septic tanks and tile drains dispose of sewage. Fireplaces will furnish heat. One house has three rooms, 8 have four rooms, 10 have five rooms, and 1 has six rooms.

F A C T S A B O U T M A G N O L I A H O M E S T E A D S

Official Name: Magnolia Homesteads

Location: In Lauderdale County, east-central Mississippi, 4.5 miles from Meridian.

Number of Units: 25

History of Projects: Magnolia Homesteads were initiated by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of the Interior, December 15, 1933. The project was transferred to the Resettlement Administration by Executive Order on May 15, 1935, and is at the present under the supervision of the Farm Security Administration.

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the project is to provide better housing and a higher standard of living for families employed, full-and part-time, in the trades and industries of Meridian. Homesteaders will be able to increase their real income through the production of the greater part of their food needs on small farm tracts.

Project Description: The project includes 273 acres of flat to steeply rolling land, well drained by numerous small streams. The soil is fine sandy loam, adapted to growing corn, cotton, fruit, and truck crops. Homesites average 9 acres. Vegetables, fruit, chickens, livestock, and dairy products will be raised. Each unit has a well house and a combination garage, cowstall, and chicken house. Fencing, shrubbery, and orchards have been provided on each tract. There is a community park surrounding a one-acre lake, and gravel roads and driveways have been built. Water is furnished by individual wells and electric pumps, and septic tanks dispose of sewage. Children are transported to Meridian schools by county bus. Electricity is provided by a private utility.

House Description: The houses are frame bungalow type buildings on concrete or brick pillars, and are heated by circulation heaters. Each home has modern plumbing and electric wiring. Three houses are three-room, 10 are four-room, and 12 are five-room.

